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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/998682-Conf. #7368
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	First Named Inventor	Ferrari, et al.
	Art Unit	2162
	Examiner Name	C. Y. T. Truong
	Attorney Docket Number	109878.126US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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 - i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e). Prosecution is closed as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 because the last office action was a Final Office Action, mailed January 11, 2005.

The three-month period for a reply to the Final Office Action expired on April 11, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, extending the period for

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reply up to and including July 11, 2005. The Director is authorized to charge any fees not covered to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, Applicants offer the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.